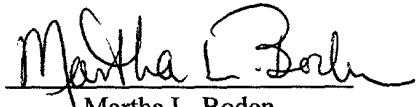


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RESPONSE TO NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF APPLICATION
FILING DATE GRANTED

Dear Sir:

This is being submitted in response to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Application mailed March 27, 2002 in connection with the above-identified patent application. Because a response to the Notice is required by May 27, 2002, this response is timely filed.

In response to the Notice to File Missing Parts, enclosed are:

- 1) Copy of the Notice;
- 2) Original executed Declaration and Power of Attorney for Patent Application, as required in the Notice;
- 3) Replacement drawing sheets with the appropriate margins;
- 4) Communication to Submit Replacement Data Sheet and Requesting Corrected Filing Receipt;

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- 5) Copy of Application Data Sheet filed with the application with incorrect inventor information crossed out in red ink;
- 6) Replacement Application Data Sheet (e-PAVE);
- 7) Copy of the Official Filing Receipt with incorrect inventors crossed out in red ink;
- 8) Original executed Assignment and Recordation Form Cover Sheet; and
- 9) Check in the amount of \$105.00 as payment of the surcharge required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16(e) for filing the missing filing fee (\$65.00); and payment of Recordation of Assignment Document (\$40.00).

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiencies in fees, and to credit any overpayment of fees associated with this patent application to Deposit Account No. 08-1935.

Any communication regarding this matter should be directed to the undersigned.

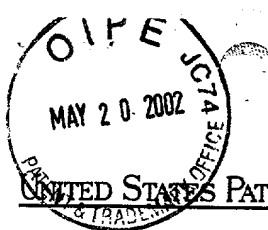
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NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

FILED UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

Filing Date Granted

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The oath or declaration is missing.
A properly signed oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63, identifying the application by the above Application Number and Filing Date, is required.
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(l) of \$65 for a small entity in compliance with 37 CFR 1.27, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.
- The balance due by applicant is \$ 65.

The application is informal since it does not comply with the regulations for the reason(s) indicated below.

The required item(s) identified below must be timely submitted to avoid abandonment:

- Substitute drawings in compliance with 37 CFR 1.84 because:
 - drawing sheets do not have the appropriate margin(s) (see 37 CFR 1.84(g)). Each sheet must include a top margin of at least 2.5 cm. (1 inch), a left side margin of at least 2.5 cm. (1 inch), a right side margin of at least 1.5 cm. (5/8 inch), and a bottom margin of at least 1.0 cm. (3/8 inch);

*A copy of this notice **MUST** be returned with the reply.*

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